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USDA To Survey Farmers' Harvested Acreage

HARRISBURG, PA, July 18, 2008 - - How many acres of winter wheat did farmers plant and harvest this season? What was the actual yield of those harvested acres? How much of these commodities are stored on-farm? These are just some of the critical questions the Pennsylvania Field Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be asking of more than 1000 producers statewide as part of the September Agricultural Survey.

"The September Agricultural Survey, also known as the Crops/Stocks Survey, is one of the most important surveys conducted each year by NASS," explained Marc Tosiano, Director, NASS-PA Field Office. "This survey is the basis for the official USDA estimates of production and harvested acres of all small grain crops in the United States for the 2008 crop year."

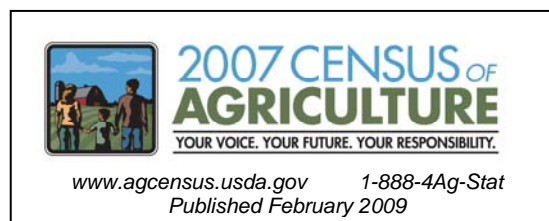
"Data from the September Agricultural Survey benefits farmers by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical year-end business decisions and evaluate the success of the growing season," added Tosiano.

During the latter part of August, NASS will start contacting selected Pennsylvania producers and ask them to provide information on their 2008 production of small grains and on-farm stocks of soybeans, wheat, sorghum, oats, barley, and whole grain corn. The information will be compiled and analyzed and then published in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Small Grains* summary and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on September 30, 2008.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Tosiano.

All reports are available on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS PA Field Office at 1-800-498-1518.

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